

BAR HARBOR CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES-REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 9, 2009

ITEM 1

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm. Present were: Albert, Ocel, Watson, Weber, Haskel, Wheeler. Anne K.

ITEM 2

EXCUSED ABSENCES

Mary Ann was an excused absence.

ITEM 3

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The minutes were accepted.

ITEM 4

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

ITEM 5

OLD BUSINESS

-DARK SKIES-Update from Anne K. RE: Bangor Hydro- Anne K. met with Bangor Hydro- they are willing to look at Dark Skies compliant fixtures as replacements. She has applied to Efficiency Maine for a grant for lighting projects. Anne K. will look into street light adaptor kits which would direct light down. This would help the Council reach it's #9 Dark Skies goal.

-COMMISSIONER UPDATES-(review draft of support letter for Rt. 3 Task Force) We reviewed a draft letter in support of reconstruction of Rt. 3. Jill will forward our changes to Anne K. who will include it in the package.

ITEM 6

NEW BUSINESS

-STAFF REPORTS- We discussed budget planning for FY11.

\$150.00- MEACC membership

\$200.00- public outreach mailing

\$390.00- Caroline Pryor

need money for:

-Dark Skies education materials (Jill will talk with John Kelly- so we don't duplicate what ANP is doing- could share in the publication?)

-Northeast Creek Watershed and an adaptation for Hadley Pt. Watershed educational brochure.

-transfer station signage and brochure? Jill will meet with Chip to discuss possible signage which could make transfer more user friendly.

-August speaker- \$250.00?

-CONSERVATION SUMMIT SUMMARY and next steps (review Mary Ann's comments)

-Composting group- talk with Jackson Lab about use of shavings? (Anne W. will research) Use with restaurant waste? Bar Harbor cooperate with Southwest Harbor? Cooperation between towns? Council goal- to improve transfer station appearance and improve composting.

-Pay as You Throw- worth looking into. Southwest Harbor is moving in that direction.

-Re-use group- a shelter at the transfer station for people to put reusable materials? ReStore come to the transfer station to pick up materials?

-promote green purchasing- buying recycled goods.

Anne K. will email summary of evaluations to all Summit participants. Jill will send thank you notes to speakers. Noah Hodget's senior project (COA) is to develop a sustainability plan for MDI.

-We discussed a possible Plan generated by the Summit. Any Plan must be directed by the Council. We will summarize the Summit outcomes. Look at importance of League of Towns collaboration for solid waste management cooperation.

-We agreed that the major Plan or direction to move in from the Summit was: To develop a way for towns to Communicate, collaborate and coordinate with one another. Anne will contact Amy Morley (Lamoine) about her idea of a blog? We'd like to work with the League of Towns?

-Goals- Pay as You Throw?

Recycle all plastics. Carla will contact Lee Worcester-could we arrange with him to take our plastics? Chip will need money for transport. That money could come from Pay as You Throw?

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ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

-Discuss findings from Pay as You Throw, Plastics, etc.

-Discuss League of Towns collaboration.

ITEM 8

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm